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1. Plan for the Construction of a Metallurgical Works at Labedy

It is planned to build a new metallurgical works at Labedy, Silesia, with the aid of Polish-Czech credits.

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An advisory commission consisting of Russian engineers arrived at Labedy in February, 1949. Construction plans are being worked out at the Gliwice Biuro Projektow ("Projects Bureau").

2. Nowa Huta at Labedy

The existing Nowa Huta ("New Foundry") at Labedy is partly damaged and has no machinery, since the remaining machinery was transferred in 1948 to one of the active foundries. The commission of Russian engineers which arrived at Labedy in February 1949, as mentioned above, also brought with them some plans of installations of machinery for the Nowa Huta to be delivered from the Soviet Zone of Germany.

3. Further Construction Plans

It is planned to build a large metallurgical works in each voivodate, including the eastern voivodates. It is known that a new metallurgical works will be constructed at Krzeszowice, near Krakow.

4. Scrap Metal

Large transports of scrap metal were sent from Germany to Silesia during the second half of 1948. There are large dumps of scrap metal to be found in the Gliwice district and in open spaces at the river port (Odra River). The Foundry Industry has a good source of supply in this scrap metal.

5. Production of Sheet Metal for the Shipbuilding Industry

The Union of Polish Shipyards had demanded greater precision in the workmanship of sheet metal. This demand concerns the application of smaller weight and size tolerances for shipbuilding requirements, since the D.I.N. (Deutsche Industrie-Normen) tolerances applied for constructional sheet metal are not precise enough for shipbuilding purposes.

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